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Government that the rules in the Jail Manual for the enforcement of discipline which apply to all prisoners should be observed without discrimination. The Government are not prepared to place a copy of the order on the table.

(*e*) The Government have no information.

(*f*) No.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know what was the decision arrived at in the Collectors' Conference with regard to the discipline of civil disobedience prisoners? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" There was no specific point on which a decision was necessary, but the Conference came to the conclusion that no discrimination must be made between civil disobedience prisoners and ordinary prisoners."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Is it not a fact that the Inspector-General of Prisons has ordered that these people should be ' kept in their place and dealt with grimly '? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The answer is found in reply to clause (*e*) of the question."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know what exactly the Inspector-General of Prisons did with regard to these prisoners as a result of the Collectors' Conference? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" That is exactly what is stated in clause (*e*)."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know what was the occasion for the Government to issue orders that the existing rules in the Jail Manual should be strictly enforced? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Because at the Collectors' Conference representations were made by some of the Collectors that a kind of discrimination was made in favour of civil disobedience prisoners."

Alleged circular instructions regarding the treatment of Civil Disobedience prisoners as ordinary felons.

* 245-B *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a circular has been issued to the Jail authorities to make no differentiation in treatment between civil disobedience prisoners and ordinary felons;

(*b*) whether there is any distinction now in regard to food, clothing or bedding or otherwise between civil disobedience prisoners of C class and ordinary felons;

(*c*) if not, what the new circular regarding no distinctions means; and

(*d*) whether it is the intention of Government that the Jail authorities should treat them specially badly such as giving them handcuffs, fetters, etc., or locking them up during day time?

A.—(*a*) & (*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clauses (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) of question No. 245-A.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The orders issued by the Government related only to the enforcement of discipline in jails.

Political prisoners of the Ganjam district confined in the Bellary Jail.

* 246 *Q.*—Rai Sahib C. KOLANDA REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of political prisoners that are now in the Bellary Central Jail from the Ganjam district;

(*b*) the number of them that are given rice diet and those that are given mixed diet;

(*c*) whether there are a number of political prisoners who come from respectable families, a few of them being both respectable and income-tax assessees;

(*d*) the class in which each of these has been placed;

(*e*) whether any of those coming under clause (*c*) are also given mixed diet;

(*f*) whether most of those who are given mixed diet are convicted from the Ghumsur division of the Ganjam district;

(*g*) whether any previous or subsequent enquiry was made as to the food to which those prisoners were accustomed; and

(*h*) how many of these political prisoners have gone down in weight and what the reduction in weight in each case is?

A.—(*a*) Thirty-two.

(*b*) Eighteen are given rice diet, 13 mixed diet and 1 wheat diet.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) Thirty in 'C' class and two in 'B' class.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of answer to clause (*c*).

(*f*) Eight of the prisoners who are given mixed diet belong to Ghumsur division.

(*g*) The hon. Member is referred to sub-rule 3 (i) and (iv) of rule 347-B on page 122 of the Madras Jail Manual. No prisoner placed on mixed diet has applied for a revision of the classification.

(*h*) Six have gone down in weight by 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 14 pounds, respectively.

Transfer of two women political prisoners from the Vellore Jail to the Madura Jail.

* 247 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether two women political prisoners were transferred from the Women's Jail in Vellore to the Madura Jail, and if so, when;